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The best times to visit *Season's Greenings* to avoid holiday crowds are weekdays early in December or on the Tuesday and Thursday evenings in December when the Conservatory is open until 8 p.m. for [extended evening hours](#) and live seasonal holiday music.

Aside from these extended holiday hours, the Conservatory is open every day of the year, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., free of charge.

Please travel lightly, as the Conservatory is not equipped to store your personal items. You must keep strollers and all personal items with you at all times.

Photography

We welcome - and encourage - personal photography at the U.S. Botanic Garden. Due to the increased number of visitors to the U.S. Botanic Garden during *Season's Greenings*, tripod permits will not be issued on any weekends or on weekdays starting December 17.

Commercial photography - including wedding, engagement and professional family photography - is not allowed.

Tours

Group tours are not offered during *Season's Greenings*, but will resume in January.

Entrances

During *Season's Greenings*, there are two entrances to the Conservatory on Maryland Avenue SW.

- The **Train Entrance** provides entry to the Garden Railway model train exhibit. Follow the trains and explore the Enchanted Forest. After you've seen the trains, you can view the rest of the *Season's Greenings* exhibit throughout the Conservatory.
- The **Conservatory Entrance** bypasses the Garden Railway trains and provides entry to the rest of the Conservatory. You'll find seasonal plant displays throughout the Conservatory, replicas of the capital's landmark buildings in the Garden Court and one of the largest indoor decorated trees in Washington, D.C., in the West Gallery.

In short, if you want to see the model trains, please use the Train Entrance!
